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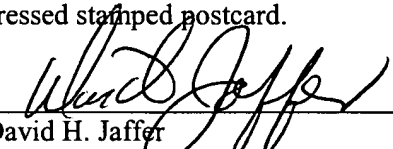
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Dear Sir:

Applicant received an *Ex parte* notice in which prosecution is suspended for a period of six months on December 12, 2002; expiration of the period of suspension was due on June 18, 2003. We have not received further correspondence from the Patent Office regarding this application, nor have we received a response to the previous inquiry sent on May 15, 2003.

Applicant respectfully requests a report on the status of this case. Please acknowledge receipt of this request by stamping the date on the enclosed, self-addressed stamped postcard.

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